

Temple Beth Or

bulletin

July 2010 ~ Tamuz/Av 5770

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH



Samuel Coleridge's famous poem, "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," contains these lines:

"All in a hot and copper sky,
The bloody Sun, at noon,
Right up above the mast did stand,
No bigger than the Moon.

Day after day, day after day,
We stuck, nor breath nor motion;
As idle as a painted ship
Upon a painted ocean."

The ancient mariner must have been in the doldrums. "Doldrums" is a nautical term for areas of the world's oceans on either side of the equator, where the prevailing winds are calm – the so-called intertropical convergence zone. The doldrums' low pressure is caused by the heat at the equator; for sailing ships, the doldrums are notorious for trapping ships for days or even weeks without enough wind to power their sails.

Feels a bit like Montgomery in summer, doesn't it?

When the heat and humidity engage in their daily competition to see which can hit 100 first, it becomes quite a challenge for us to generate enough wind in our sails to accomplish much. And so "doldrums" has also come to mean a spell of listlessness, inactivity and stagnation.

But, for many of us, summer doldrums has come to mean a time for recharging our batteries. Many of us take our vacations in summer – perhaps from the habit of having children off from school, or just to escape the heat here in the South – where we seek a change of pace and/or scenery. We use this period to shrug off the pressures of work or a too-crowded social schedule. If we do it right it can actually lead toward a renewal.

What would a summer of renewal look like? The possibilities are endless. Take a class? Read something in an area you don't normally read? Visit new places, and/or make new relationships? Try your hand at a sport, or craft activity? Write the Great American Novel? Whether this past year has been one of achievement and satisfaction, or challenge

and loss, nothing beats going down a new and different path to open new horizons and goals.

Taken seriously, this renewal and turning in new directions has the potential to be spiritually transforming, and the experience can be deeply spiritual.

This renewal has a counterpart in Judaism. The Hebrew term is *teshuvah*, which means "turning in a new direction." *Teshuvah* is a central theme of the High Holy Days, which fortuitously follows right after the summer doldrums; *Teshuvah* is more commonly translated "repentance."

One more thing may be said about doldrums. The equatorial area of doldrums is, paradoxically, the area from which tropical waves become storms and, possibly, hurricanes. Even the doldrums have huge generative possibilities, and the same can be true for us. But even without the analogy to hurricanes, the hard work of doing *teshuvah* during the Holy Days – turning ourselves in new directions for a new year of hope, challenge and satisfaction – can only benefit by starting the process now, even as summer is just getting under way, and making the best of it for ourselves and our families. We don't need to get stuck in the doldrums.

Sandy Lynn and I wish you and yours a full and wonderful summer, of physical and spiritual renewal.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens



Saturday, August 7 Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, August 7, Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service, including Torah reading and Torah study. Service including Torah study and a light brunch will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.



Celebrating Our 159th Year

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TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Congregants,

Summer is a time of transition. Children move from one grade to another in school, people move from one city to another, and a new fiscal year begins with Temple Beth Or. I cannot help but wonder if July was chosen to begin the new fiscal year because the business of the Temple could begin before the High Holy days begin in just a few months.

As I enter my term as president, I am so grateful that I've had the opportunity to work with Morris Capouya during these past years. His leadership and business expertise coupled with his passion for the Temple have been an inspiration to me. I am also excited to be working with a team of leaders that you elected for the Board of Trustees. These people have already displayed a dedication to the Temple and we are committed to doing our very best to meet the needs of the congregation along with facing issues and challenges along the way.

The rabbi, along with the various committees on the Board of Trustees, has already begun to make plans for the coming year, which include incorporating some of the ideas and suggestions from the Board training session in May.

I look forward to serving as your president.

Warm regards,
Jenny Ives

Recent Death

Rabbi Howard Zyskind ז"ל



Recent Death

Jack Koch ז"ל

June 7, 2010



Father of Rick Koch

TREE OF LIFE

Don't forget the Tree of Life for graduations, birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and other special times in your life. Large leaves are \$350 and small ones, \$250. Contact Sharon McDaniel or the Temple regarding purchase.

Contributions to Funds

We greatly appreciate the people who support Temple Beth Or by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. Those that are received after the 20th of the month will be in the next bulletin.

FLORAL FUND

*In Memory of
Irma Gore*

Alan and Diane Weil

*In Memory of
Eliot Capouya*

Philip and Susan Bernstein

*In Memory of
James Lucien Loeb*

Philip and Susan Bernstein

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT
FUND**

*In Memory of
Rita Capouya Kimerling
Roz Caplan and Ed Simon
Rubin A. Franco*

*In Honor of the Anniversary of
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer
Jim & Mary Lynne Levy*

*In Memory of
Sonny Strassburger
Rosalind and Danny Markstein*

*In Memory of
Teal K. Cohen
Lorraine Oppenheimer*

Birthday and
Anniversary
Blessings
on July 16th.

BIRTHDAYS

- 5.....Heather Shinpaugh
- 7.....Michael Goldner
- 8.....Allan Pirtle
- 9.....Anita Reznikoff
- 11.....Gene Harris
- 12.....Mae Cohen
- 20.....Jeff Blitz
- 21.....Robert Weil II
- 22.....Pete Ginsburg
- 23.....Celeste Sabel
- 24.....Felice Cohen
- 24.....Burke Schloss
- 24.....Jean Weil
- 25.....Matilde Scheuer
- 30.....Suzanne Coleman
- 30.....Susan King
- 31.....David Berry
- 31.....Steve Clein

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2..... Carol & Jamie Loeb
- 6..... Clare & Bob Weil
- 10..... Dawn & Adam Schloss
- 11..... Alison & Greg Williamson
- 28..... Marlene & Rick Beringer
- 29..... Barbara & Ronnie Leet
- 30..... Jenny & John Ives

YAHARZEITS

To be Read 7/2/2010

Robert L. Cooper, Jr.
Faye Stamm Greil
Eugene Heilpern
Alex Marion
Sigmund Weil

To be Read 7/9/2010

Tommie Moses Coleman
Ethel E. Hallman
Ann Marks
Nathan Popkin
Selma M. Wampold
Diana Kahn Weil

To be Read 7/16/2010

Anna Stiller Anshel
Rebecca Sherman Blotner
Regina Piha Capilouto
Louise Finklestein
Joseph J. Levin, Sr.
Carolyn Endel Printz
Gilbert Ross

To be Read 7/23/2010

David R. Baylinson
Margaret Cohn Bonfield
CSM Robert J. Crowe
Michael Deutsch
Babs Klein Heilpern
Norma L. Hobbie
Nellie Weil

To be Read 7/30/2010

Philip W. Bernstein, Sr.
Joan Baim Blach
Lillian Rosenbluth Miller
Mose Moscovitz
Gertrude S. Weinrib

Recent Death

Julien M. (Sonny) Strassburger ז"ל

June 19, 2010



Husband of Joyce Strassburger

Father of Karen Goldstein and Sandy Strassburger

Grandfather of Kimberly, Kevin, Caroline, Maggie and Polly

Sisterhood

What does Sisterhood mean to you as a member of Temple Beth Or?

Do you enjoy the holiday receptions, dinners, programs, Shabbat candle lighting or fund raising?

None of these happen on their own. It takes volunteers to coordinate, bake, set tables, arrange flowers, order catered meals, and sell cheesecakes to fund our activities. When everyone pulls together it makes each responsibility easier and the events run smoother.

Please VOLUNTEER, say YES when called, and JOIN if you are not a Sisterhood member. Your Temple will benefit from your participation and you will reap the benefit of being an active member in a terrific Sisterhood.

I am proud to be President of such a committed, caring group of women. Join us as we embark on another great year at Temple Beth Or. Call me to volunteer at 272-6688.

Marlene Beringer

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L'Chaim League

The second annual event at The AHEPA House will be held on **Tuesday, July 13th**. The location is 1720 E Washington (behind the Greek Orthodox Church on Mt. Meigs Road). We are going to serve lunch and call bingo. **Volunteers are needed to:** gift wrap prizes at TBO on Monday, July 12th (10 AM). Come to the location to help set-up, serve, and clean up the lunch. We need volunteers to provide some of the menu items: potato salad, carrot/raisin salad or carrot pennies, cut-up fruit, deviled eggs, fresh strawberries, sugar free strawberry preserves, rolls, and sugar free cool whip. **Donations** will be used to purchase paper products, drinks, and prizes. You may also provide door or bingo prizes. Please call 262-3314 and let me know what you would like to do. Jeff Herring will play the guitar, and we are looking forward to providing a fun afternoon for these residents. The response was great last year, and should be even better for this event.

Sunday, August 15th, is the date for our lake outing at the home of **Jamie and Ricky Loeb**. After enjoying a barbecue lunch, Ricky will take us for a ride on the pontoon boat. This will be a wonderful way to spend a summer afternoon.

Our opening luncheon is **September 28th**. A group from **The Montgomery Ballet** will be performing for us. We've got it all. Come to any or all events. We are always glad to see everyone.

Linda R. Smith

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A LETTER FROM A MEMBER

Dear Rabbi Stevens and Board of Directors,

I would like to commend the younger people who volunteer and serve to make our congregation and community a better and more wholesome place to live.

The following I'd like to congratulate and thank:

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weil, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Weil, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John Ives
Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Loeb
Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Loeb
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Capouya
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blitz
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schloss
Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Levy
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strasburger
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Finklestein
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bernstein
Mrs. Susan Bruchis
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Blondheim
Mrs. Grace Hanchrow
Mrs. Sharon McDaniel

And all the others who volunteer and serve.

Sincerely,
Marks Marcus

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MAGAZINE PROJECT

Dear family and friends,

My grandchildren, Meagan and Nathan, and I are doing a project. We will collect recently used magazines and give them to the residents of two local assisted living facilities; CaraVita and Cedars. We want these residents to be able to enjoy recent issues of magazines, and this is also a great way to recycle!

We will collect the magazines the first seven days of each month. They can be dropped off at the Temple at any time. Feel free to leave them outside the side door if after hours. We ask that the magazines please be no more than 6 months old and in very good condition.

These are a few magazines that we would like to give to the assisted living facilities:

*Reader's Digest • People
Southern Living • Good Housekeeping
Montgomery Living • Sports Illustrated
Oprah • Automobile*
Other magazines of this type

Thank you so much for your contribution. We appreciate it greatly!

Bette Sue Strasburger

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Volunteer Opportunity

If you already have plans to go to the beach this summer, or if you are looking for a new twist on a vacation, you can volunteer to be a part of the efforts to respond to the oil spill. The National Park Service is seeking volunteers to help on the federal beaches in all of the affected states. They prefer that volunteers be available for a minimum of a week for three hours a day. You can contact the volunteer office in Florida at 850-916-3013 for more details. If you would prefer to call the main Horizon volunteer line, that number is 866-448-5816. There are lots of fascinating things to do like count turtle eggs, protect animal habitats, and answer questions on the beach. While this may not be the vacation you originally dreamed of, it could be a great opportunity to make a difference on our coast. The restaurants, stores, and other businesses will be happy to see you as will the animals and habitats you help protect.

Theatre AUM and ALATetc Announce World Premiere:

THE DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM

“a provocative, soul-searching fantasy about family, kinship, conflict and the struggle for peace”



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Montgomery, Alabama (Monday, May 24, 2010) Theatre AUM brings together an exciting mix of professional theatre artists and students for a joint venture with A LABORATORY FOR ACTOR TRAINING *experimental theater company* of New York City. This world premiere of a stirring new play looks at the relationships between Judaism, Christianity and Islam through the eyes of mothers and daughters. The multicultural, multidisciplinary performance project blends drama, movement, music, dance and poetry from a creative team that spans four states and seven universities.

Boundaries are tested and family loyalty is challenged when three sisters grapple with their family’s decisions regarding their upcoming weddings in this biblical fantasy of modern day repercussions. *The Daughters of Abraham* gives a voice to the challenges of women and looks at the struggle for peace in the Middle East from a personal and even hopeful viewpoint that humanizes the issues which so often seem distant, faceless and unreal.

Performances run July 8-11, with preview on July 7th. Evening performances will benefit selected local nonprofit and charitable organizations throughout Montgomery. Tickets range from \$6-\$10 to free with AUM ID. Tickets can be purchased at the Theatre AUM Box Office or by phone at 334-244-3632. Theatre AUM is located in the Taylor Center at Auburn University Montgomery.

T’KIAH! -- THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR

This Rosh Hashanah, would you like to be one of those who blows the shofar? Hearing the sound of the shofar is one of the key mitzvot of our New Year observances. Help us to fulfill this mitzvah on Rosh Hashanah morning, Thursday, September 9. If you would like to learn how, contact Rabbi Stevens. No prior experience necessary.



**NEW MUSIC TO DEBUT ON
JULY 16!**

New service composed by Rabbi Michael Stevens to be introduced.

On Friday evening, July 16, we will welcome as our guests Rabbi Stevens’s brother and his wife, Rabbi Michael Stevens and Judy Stevens from Schererville, Indiana. Rabbi Stevens serves Temple Beth-El in Munster.

Rabbi [Michael] Stevens is a composer who has written settings for a complete Shabbat service. Many of these selections were composed for and first used during his 20th anniversary service at Beth-El two years ago. We will have our own opportunity to hear these new settings during this special service. Please join us at 5:30 p.m. for a wine-and-cheese reception, and for service as usual at 6:00 p.m.



**THEMES AND PRACTICES OF
THE HIGH HOLY DAYS**

As we approach the season called by our tradition the “Days of Awe,” join Rabbi Stevens for this two-part series, August 24 and August 31, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Both sessions will include biblical backgrounds, current practices and variations in the Ashkenazic and Sephardic communities. Bring your own lunch – we’ll provide the drinks.

Session I (August 24), The Themes and Practices of Rosh Hashanah

Session II (August 31), The Themes and Practices of Yom Kippur

Newest Arrivals



Mazel Tov!

To Betty Bloom for the birth of her great-granddaughter and namesake on May 9th, 2010.

Amelia Lee Glenn Speigner

(Our apologies for this omission in the June bulletin.)

Leah Emmalina Zur was born June 19, 2010. She weighed 7 lb. 0 oz. Parents are Sara Stevens Zur and Yona Zur. Grandparents are Rabbi Elliot and Sandy Lynn Stevens.

Noah Landon Stevens was born on June 15, 2010. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Amanda and Daniel Stevens. Grandparents are Rabbi Elliot and Sandy Lynn Stevens.

Beyond July!

Saturday, August 7, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study. Light brunch served.

Sunday, August 15, 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League BBQ event at Ricky and Jamie Loeb's home on Lake Martin.

Tuesday, August 17, 10 AM, TBO Sisterhood Board Meeting in Archives room.

Tuesday, August 24, 12 Noon, Adult Ed: Session 1, The Themes and Practices of Rosh Hashanah. Bring your own lunch - we'll provide the drinks.

Saturday, August 28, 7 PM, For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark. Reservations Required.

Tuesday, August 31, 12 Noon, Adult Ed: Session 2, The Themes and Practices of Yom Kippur. Bring your own lunch - we'll provide the drinks.

Friday, September 10, 6 PM, Shabbat Shuvah.

Tuesday, September 21, Noon, Sisterhood Opening Luncheon. Location to be announced.

Wednesday, September 22, 6 PM, Sukkot service.

Thursday, September 23, All Day, Temple Beth Or will be

closed for Sukkot.

Tuesday, September 28, 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League's Opening Luncheon at TBO.

Wednesday, September 29, 6 PM, Simchat Torah Celebration with Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz.

Thursday, September 30, All Day, Temple Beth Or will be closed for Simchat Torah.

Friday, October 1, 6 PM, Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz.

Saturday, October 2, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Friday, October 22, 6 PM, Classical Service with Union Prayer Book.

Friday, November 5, 6 PM, Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz.

Saturday, November 6, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

The Jewish Federation
of Central Alabama



When scheduling calendar events involving the Temple it is important that you check dates with the Federation and the Temple for potential conflicts within the Jewish community. Their number is 277-5820 and you can view the community calendar at www.jewishmontgomery.org.

We would like to know. Please call the temple office when a family member is in the hospital or ailing. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits the rabbi would like to share. Please let the temple know if there is a concern in your family or another congregation family (with their permission).

We need your help in order to offer ours.

July 2010

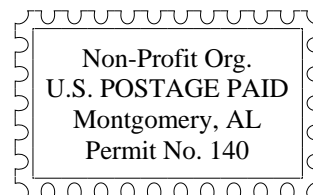
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6 PM <i>Shabbat Service</i> <i>led by John Ives</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 6 PM <i>Shabbat Service</i> <i>led by John Ives</i>	10
11	12	13 Noon <i>L'Chaim League</i> <i>Bingo/Lunch at</i> <i>the AHEPA House.</i>	14	15	16 5:30 PM <i>Wine and Cheese</i> <i>Reception</i> 6 PM <i>New Musical</i> <i>Shabbat Service</i>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 6 PM <i>Shabbat Service</i>	24
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2010 High Holy Day Service Times

Wednesday, September 8

Rosh Hashanah Eve 7:30 PM
Followed by our Annual Reception

Thursday, September 9

Rosh Hashanah Morning 10:00 AM
Children's Service in Library 10:30 AM

Friday, September 10

Shabbat Shuvah 6:00 PM

Sunday, September 12

Cemetery Memorial Services
Eternal Rest Cemetery 9:30 AM
Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) .10:30 AM
Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)... 11:00 AM

Friday, September 17

Kol Nidrei Eve 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 18

Yom Kippur Morning 10:00 AM
Rabbi's Discussion 12:00 PM
Children's Service 2:30 PM
Memorial Service 3:30 PM
Afternoon & Concluding Services 4:00 PM
Followed by Break the Fast Dinner

**SAVE
THE
DATE**


Temple Beth Or's 2011
Jewish Food Festival is on
Sunday, February 27th

SINGLES GROUP

**Attention All Jewish Singles
50 & up**

For more information contact:
Carol Ronning at 279-0140.

A wine and cheese reception precedes service on July 16th at 5:30 PM.




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